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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following documents, which were cited during the prosecution of parent Application No. 09/099,528 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,618,749, issued on September 9, 2003) to the Examiner's attention:

In an Information Disclosure Statement filed in the above-mentioned parent application on September 18, 1998, the following documents were cited:

(1) Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 09116728, published May 2, 1997, together with an English language abstract. This document is discussed in the specification on page 2; and

(2) International Publication No. WO/97/38523, published October 16, 1997, together with an English language abstract. This document is discussed in the specification on page 2.

- (3) U.S. Patent Application No. 08/930,610 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,211,972 to OKUTOMI et al., issued on April 3, 2001);
- (4) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/084,938 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,266,160 to SAITO et al., issued on July 24, 2001);
- (5) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/088,712 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,330,070 to TOYODA et al., issued on December 11, 2001); and
- (6) U.S. Patent Application No. 090/104,177 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,351,316 to SAITO et al., issued on February 26, 2002).

In a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed in the above-mentioned parent application on December 3, 1998, the following documents were cited:

- (7) Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 08-186598 A, published July 16, 1996;
- (8) Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 07-273915 A, published on October 20, 1995;
- (9) Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 08-130554 A, published May 21, 1996;
- (10) Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 08-242326 A, published September 17, 1996;
- (11) Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 09-252317 A, published September 22, 1997;
- (12) Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 10-117210 A, published May 6, 1998;
- (13) Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 07-131572 A, published May 19, 1995; and

(14) Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 10-091553 A, published April 10, 1998.

In a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed in the above-mentioned parent application on August 3, 1999, the following document was cited:

(15) U.S. Patent No. 5,881,233, issued on March 9, 1999. This document is a member of the same patent family as JP 08-242326 (mentioned above).

In a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed in the above-mentioned parent application on February 17, 2000, the following document was cited:

(16) Unexamined Japanese Patent Publication No. JP5-316144, published on November 26, 1993, along with an English language abstract and an English language translation of the relevant portion.

In a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed in the above-mentioned parent application on April 6, 2000, the following documents were cited:

(17) Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 4-282934, published October 8, 1992, together with an English-language abstract and partial translation; and

(18) Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 63-214057, which published September 6, 1998, together with an English-language abstract.

In a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed in the above-mentioned parent application on August 3, 2001, the following document was cited:

(19) U.S. Patent No. 5,406,557, to BAUDOIN, issued on April 11, 1995.

In a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed in the above-mentioned parent

application on December 21, 2001, the following documents were cited:

- (20) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 8-242326 (mentioned above);
- (21) An article entitled “Internet Extension Message Standard MIME Description” Open Design No. 8, pages 104-115, which was published on May 10, 1995, along with an English translation of the relevant portion; and
- (22) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 4-120647, which was published on April 21, 1992, along with an English language Abstract of the same.

In an Office Action issued in the above-mentioned parent application on June 19, 2001, the Examiner cited the following documents:

- (23) U.S. Patent No. 6,157,706 to RACHELSON, issued on December 5, 2000;
- (24) U.S. Patent No. 6,141,695 to SEKIGUCHI et al., issued on October 31, 2000;
- (25) U.S. Patent No. 6,072,942 to STOCKWELL et al., issued on June 6, 2000; and
- (26) U.S. Patent No. 5,819,110 to MOTOYAMA, issued on October 6, 1998.

In an Office Action issued in the above-mentioned parent application on November 23, 2001, the Examiner cited the following documents:

- (27) U.S. Patent No. 5,812,278 to TOYODA et al., issued on September 22, 1998;
- (28) U.S. Patent No. 6,043,802 to GORMISH, issued on March 28, 2000;
- (29) U.S. Patent No. 5,956,681 to YAMAKITA, issued on September 21, 1999;
- (30) U.S. Patent No. 6,233,318 to PICARD et al., issued on May 15, 2001;
- (31) U.S. Patent No. 6,266,160 to SAITO et al., issued on July 24, 2001;

- (32) U.S. Patent No. 6,043,904 to NICKERSON, issued on March 28, 2000;
- (33) U.S. Patent No. 6,005,677 to SUZUKI, issued on December 21, 1999;
- (34) U.S. Patent No. 5,953,392 to RHIE et al., issued on September 14, 1999;
- (35) U.S. Patent No. 5,907,598 to MADALIA et al., issued on May 25, 1999;
- (36) U.S. Patent No. 5,793,498 to SCHOLL et al., issued on August 11, 1998;
- (37) U.S. Patent No. 5,754,306 to TAYLOR et al., issued on May 19, 1998;
- (38) U.S. Patent No. 5,608,786 to GORDON, issued on March 4, 1997; and
- (39) U.S. Patent No. 5,533,139 to PARKER et al., issued on July 2, 1996.

(40) Madisetti et al. E-letter on Digital Signal Processing Issue #19, January, 1995,

Georgia Institute of Technology School of Electrical Engineering.

In an Office Action issued in the above-mentioned parent application on March 14, 2002, the Examiner cited the following documents:

- (41) U.S. Patent No. 6,351,316 to SAITO et al., issued on February 26, 2002;
- (42) U.S. Patent No. 5,960,165 to KALKUNO et al., issued on September 28, 1999;
- (43) U.S. Patent No. 5,825,947 to SASAKI et al., issued on October 20, 1998; and
- (44) U.S. Patent No. 5,398,293 to SATO et al., issued on March 14, 1995.

In an Office Action issued in the above-mentioned parent application on July 5, 2002, the Examiner cited the following documents:

- (45) U.S. Patent No. 5,812,278 (mentioned above);
- (46) U.S. Patent No. 6,043,802 (mentioned above);
- (47) U.S. Patent No. 6,141,695 (mentioned above);

- (48) U.S. Patent No. 5,479,411 to KLEIN, issued on December 26, 1995;
- (49) U.S. Patent No. 6,025,931 to BLOOMFIELD, issued on February 15, 2000;
- (50) U.S. Patent No. 6,343,311 to NISHIDA et al., issued on January 29, 2002;
- (51) U.S. Patent No. 5,982,991 to SMITH, issued on November 9, 1999; and
- (52) U.S. Patent No. 5,625,465 to LECH et al., issued on April 29, 1997.

In an Office Action issued in the above-mentioned parent application on December 19, 2002, the Examiner cited the following documents:

- (53) U.S. Patent No. 6,011,907 to SHIMURA et al., issued on January 4, 2000; and
- (54) U.S. Patent No. 5,467,201 to FAN, issued on November 14, 1995.

Applicants also submit the following document:

- (55) U.S. Patent No. 6,587,219 to SAITO et al., issued on July 1, 2003.

Applicants note that only those documents which were not previously submitted with an Information Disclosure Statement or were provided by the Examiner are attached hereto.

Therefore, only copies of documents (3)-(6) and (55) are attached.

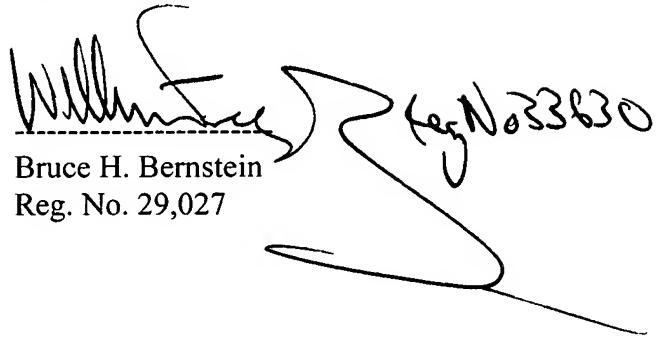
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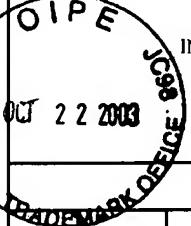
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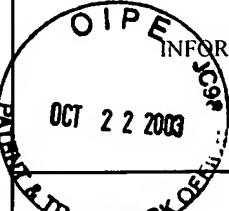
Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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